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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ADRIAN OZAETA,) Case No. 11-03597 AGY
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Plaintiff,) COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION
) OF FEDERAL FAIR DEBT
vs.) COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT
11	AND ROSENTHAL FAIR DEBT
ENHANCED RECOVERY) COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT
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Defendant.)
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I. INTRODUCTION

1. This is an action for damages brought by an individual consumer for Defendant's violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692, et seq. (hereinafter "FDCPA"), and the Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Fractices Act, Cal Civ Code §1788, et seq. (hereinafter "RFDCPA"), both of which prohibit debt collectors from engaging in abusive, deceptive, and unfair practices.

II. JURISDICTION

2. Jurisdiction of this Court arises under 15 U.S.C. §1692k (d).

III. PARTIES

- 3. Plaintiff, Adrian Ozaeta ("Plaintiff"), is a natural person residing in Los Angeles county in the state of California, and is a "consumer" as defined by the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. §1692a(3) and is a "debtor" as defined by Cal Civ Code §1788.2(h).
- 4. At all relevant times herein, Defendant, Enhanced Recovery Company, LLC, ("Defendant") was a company engaged, by use of the mails and telephone, in the business of collecting a debt from Plaintiff which qualifies as a "debt," as defined by 15 U.S.C. §1692a(5), and a "consumer debt," as defined by Cal Civ Code §1788.2(f). Defendant regularly attempts to collect debts alleged to be due another, and therefore is a "debt collector" as defined by the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. §1692a(6), and RFDCPA, Cal Civ Code §1788.2(c).

IV. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

5. At various and multiple times prior to the filing of the instant complaint, including within the one year preceding the filing of this complaint, Defendant contacted Plaintiff in an attempt to collect an alleged outstanding debt.

- 6. In January 2011, Defendant initially contacted Plaintiff in connection with an attempt to collect an alleged debt.
- 7. Defendant failed to provide notices in writing within 5 days of the initial contact.
- 8. Defendant contacted Plaintiff at times and places that were known or should have been known to be inconvenient and at such a frequency as to constitute harassment under the circumstances, including but not limited to calls made on January 5, 2011 and January 7, 2011.
- 9. Defendant's conduct violated the FDCPA and the RFDCPA in multiple ways, including but not limited to:
 - a) Failing to provide Plaintiff with the notices required by 15 USC § 1692g, either in the initial communication with Plaintiff, or in writing within 5 days thereof (§1692g(a));
 - b) Causing a telephone to ring repeatedly or continuously to annoy Plaintiff (Cal Civ Code §1788.11(d));
 - c) Communicating, by telephone or in person, with Plaintiff with such frequency as to be unreasonable and to constitute an harassment to Plaintiff under the circumstances (Cal Civ Code §1788.11(e));
 - d) Causing Plaintiffs telephone to ring repeatedly or continuously with intent to harass, annoy or abuse Plaintiff (§1692d(5)); and
 - e) Communicating with Plaintiff at times or places which were known or should have been known to be inconvenient for Plaintiff (§1692c(a)(1)).
- 10. As a result of the above violations of the FDCPA and RFDCPA Plaintiff suffered and continues to suffer injury to Plaintiff's feelings, personal

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humiliation, embarrassment, mental anguish and emotional distress, and Defendant is liable to Plaintiff for Plaintiff's actual damages, statutory damages, and costs and attorney's fees.

COUNT I: VIOLATION OF FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT

11. Plaintiff reincorporates by reference all of the preceding paragraphs.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully prays that judgment be entered against the Defendant for the following:

- A. Declaratory judgment that Defendant's conduct violated the FDCPA;
- B. Actual damages;
- C. Statutory damages;
- D. Costs and reasonable attorney's fees; and,
- E. For such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

COUNT II: VIOLATION OF ROSENTHAL FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT

- 12. Plaintiff reincorporates by reference all of the preceding paragraphs.
- 13. To the extent that Defendant's actions, counted above, violated the RFDCPA, those actions were done knowingly and willfully.
- 14. Further, §1788.17 of the RFDCPA mandates that every debt collector collecting or attempting to collect a consumer debt shall comply with

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the provisions of Sections 1692b to 1692j, inclusive, of, and shall be subject to the remedies in Section 1692k of, Title 15 of the United States Code statutory regulations contained within the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. §1692d, and §1692d(5).

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully prays that judgment be entered against the Defendant for the following:

- A. Declaratory judgment that Defendant's conduct violated the RFDCPA;
- B. Actual damages;
- C. Statutory damages for willful and negligent violations;
- D. Costs and reasonable attorney's fees,
- E. For such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

PLAINTIFF HEREBY REQUESTS A TRIAL BY JURY

Respectfully submitted this 22nd day of April, 2011.

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